Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government asked the officer concerned whether he is prepared to work on a lower salary at the time of revising his agreement ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Gratuity.

25. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the amount of gratuity given by them in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*b*) the amount spent by them outside the State in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*c*) whether any monthly allowance, in addition to gratuity, is being given to children of officers ;

(*d*) the principle on which this is given ; and

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a yearly statement of expenditure incurred by them on this account during the last twelve years ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether, after the introduction of the gratuity scheme, Government have given any family pension ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: No, so far as I am aware.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether any family pension was granted during 1111 to the children of officers ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: In the answer it is stated that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility. I want to know whether utility means *utility* to the member who wants information or to the Government ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: To all concerned.

Mistakes in the budget.

26. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any mistake in the budget submitted before the Houses of the Legislature by the Financial Secretary.

(*b*) if so, what was the amount of difference and how it happened ; and

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